

**Minutes
Nevada Garlic and Onion Grower's Advisory Board Meeting
17 December 2007**

Lyon County Library
20 Nevin Way
Yerington, NV 89447

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order 12:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: J. Snyder, D. Park, R. Ehn (by telephone), B. Chounet serving as proxy for D. Peri

Members of the Public: Lindsay Dixon, Jagtar Singh

NDOA staff: Steve Marty, Ed Foster, Shouhua Wang

3. Introductions

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda for the December 17, 2008 GOAB meeting as offered was made by David Park and seconded by Bill Chounet. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

6. Public Participation

There were no public participation items offered.

7. Old Business

A) Discuss renewal of terms for GOAB members

Discussion of current GOAB members willingness to continue serving. J. Snyder, D. Park, and R. Ehn all expressed willingness to continue serving. B. Chounet noted that D. Peri would also continue to serve as a member of the board. It was noted that few growers meet the conditions required to serve as a member of the NVGOAB, and therefore it was not in the best interest of the board to set tenure limitations for board members. Also discussed was the potential nomination of Mike Mantelli as a grower representative member of the NVGOAB. It was noted that Mr. Mantelli's status as a resident of the State of Nevada was not known. Steve Marty agreed to contact Lera Masini to determine if Mr. Masini was willing to continue to serve as a NVGOAB member.

The NVGOAB research assessment was also discussed during this portion of the meeting. It was determined that the 2007 assessment had been set at zero dollars per acre, and that by default the 2008 assessment would also be zero dollars per acre since the NVGOAB did not set an assessment rate by the August 1, 2007 deadline. Steve Marty gave a financial report, stating that the NVGOAB budget was currently \$79,375.

8. New Business

A) Discuss and determine future funding of New Zealand Institute for Crop and Food Research (NZICFR) biotechnology research. R. Ehn gave a brief update on the progress of the NZICFR project and the 2007/2008 research proposal was reviewed. Mr. Ehn stated that the group was ready to move to field trials for 2008, and that the CAGORAB had committed \$25,000 in research funds for 2008. There was some concern among the NVGOAB group on the GMO status of onion and garlic plants produced by the NZICFR project. It was not clear if the onion and garlic plants

would be considered GMO products. R. Ehn mentioned that representatives from NZICFR would be present at the Tulare Farm Show on February 11, 2007, and suggested that NVGOAB members could use the show as a resource for gaining more information on the project. A motion to commit \$10,000 to New Zealand Institute for Crop and Food Research for 2008 was made by David Park and seconded by Bill Chounet. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

B) Discuss and determine future funding of Iris Yellow Spot Virus/thrips program with Hanu Pappu to sample thrips from NV fields for IYSV. The 2008 CAGORAB Project Plan/Research Proposal was reviewed. D. Park asked that S. Marty provide materials regarding research proposals earlier so that NVGOAB members would have more time to review the materials. S. Marty agreed to this request. There was some concern regarding the ambiguity of the IYSV proposal, and R. Ehn mentioned that Hanu Pappu would also be in attendance at the February 11 Tulare Farm Show to clarify. A motion to not act on item 8B until further information is provided at a future NVGOAB meeting was made by B. Chounet and seconded by D. Park. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

C) Discuss the nomination to add Mike Mantelli with Christopher Ranch as a grower member of the NVGOAB. It was noted that Mr. Mantelli's eligibility to serve on the NVGOAB was in question, therefore no action was taken on item 8C.

D) Discuss research proposal from Henry Sun of the Desert Research Institute (DRI) concerning the use of compost tea against white rot. The DRI proposal was reviewed, and Shouhua Wang from the Nevada Department Agriculture (NDOA) provided additional information. The NVGOAB recommended that H. Sun present his research proposal to the board in detail at the next meeting.

9. Schedule Next Meeting

The next NVGOAB meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.